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POLYESTER)
Atty. Dkt. : 32290-149710)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby state that *Trichosporonr* sp. No. 85 FERM BP-6445, of this invention was deposited on July 31, 1998, at the National Industrial Bioscience and Human-Technology Agency (NIBH), Ibaraki-ken, Japan, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, and has been assigned NIBH accession number ^{FERM}BP-6445, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.801-1.809.

I also state that in accordance with the deposit contract, the deposit will be freely available to the public without restrictions upon the granting of a patent, and that the deposit will be maintained in accordance with the aforementioned regulations.

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